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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

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Entitled: NITRIDE SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
60 pages of specification and claims (including 52 numbered claims), and  
3 sheets of accompanying drawing/s for Figures 1 - 6.  
☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
7-287189	Japan	06 November 1995
7-305279	Japan	24 November 1995
7-305280	Japan	24 November 1995
7-305281	Japan	24 November 1995
7-317850	Japan	06 December 1995
7-332056	Japan	20 December 1995
8-186339	Japan	16 July 1996
8-228147	Japan	29 August 1996

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

- ☒ Certified copy(ies) filed on November 6, 1996 in prior appln. no. 08/743,729 filed November 6, 1996  
☒ This application is a ☒ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/229,067, filed August 28, 2002, which in turn is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/293,060, filed April 25, 2000 (now abandoned), which in turn is a division of application Serial No. 08/743,729 filed November 6, 1996, now U.S. Patent 5,959,367, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.  
☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.  
☒ The prior application is assigned to Nichia Corporation, Tokusima-Ken, Japan.  
☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.  
☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.  
☒ Please enter the attached preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

- ☐ Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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